

MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA

APRIL 15, 2014

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The Common Council of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 270 West 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: The Pledge to the Flag was recited by those present.

PRAYER: Councilman Berkemeier led those present in prayer.

ROLL CALL: Members, Bob Bridges, Brian Conner, Craig Smith, Brad Berkemeier, Brian Sheehan, and student advisor, Jessica Miller answered roll call. Also present was City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse.

MINUTES: Minutes of the April 1, 2014 meeting were presented for approval. Conner made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Pavey reported the following:

1. Rachel's Challenge was a very moving event. Pavey thanked Jessica Miller for her efforts to bring the program to our community.
2. Had a meeting with Clean Community Challenge. We need to reapply.
3. The first grand prix meeting was on the 9th. The grand prix will be July 19 & 20.
4. On the 11th we had the Hwy 52 partnering meeting. They meet every 2 weeks on Thursday in the Truster Building. Right after that there is also a meeting on 16th Street.
5. Prom was held on the 12th and was well attended.
6. As of today 1027 have completed the survey for the comprehensive plan. Thanks to Brian for spreading the word and thanks to all who completed the survey.
7. Met today with Eric Dowden, President of IEDC.
8. Friday at 8:30 I will meet with Shelly Wakefield regarding the APC/BZA.
9. The Easter egg hunt is this Saturday at noon at South Memorial Park.
10. The 1st of May I will be meeting with Jean Liesing and Carl Brown, the director of INDOT.
11. The Mayor's 5/K is May 10th.
12. The demolition of 227/231 North Main is nearly complete.
13. The County Commissioners endorsed the Rails to Trails.

14. Grant Reeves has put together the paperwork for port authority which is used for railroad extensions.
15. We will need to be thinking about preparing our plan for use of our edit funds.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT:

Clerk-Treasurer Copley informed Council that she received word today with the final numbers for the payoff on the pool bonds. The total amount is \$112,177.08; with \$2,177.08 being interest. Copley said \$119,143.00 was encumbered. There was also \$60,400.00 budgeted. She said she would like to use the money that was encumbered since that could not be used for anything other than what it was encumbered. Copley said the last payment would have been due January 15, 2016. The City will save \$5,660.42 by paying it off now. Sheehan made a motion to approve the payoff on the bond. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. **Amphitheater/Park's Board –**
2. **Comprehensive Plan –**
3. **Trash Sub Committee –** Mayor Pavey said we are waiting on Charles Parsley with updated numbers.
4. **Employee Benefit/City Policy –** Department Heads are to have any changes to the Mayor by April 21st.
5. **APC/BZA – Building Code –**
6. **Marketing –**

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police – Chief Tucker said the new car is in Highland and he will be going to pick up the car either tomorrow or Thursday.

Tucker has sent messages regarding the Mayor's 5K Walk/Run in an effort to help promote the event.

Animal Control – Warden Moran handed out the quarterly report from the veterinary.

Street – Commissioner Miller informed Council that the Board of Works hired Landon Meckes for summer help.

Next week residents are to set out their heavy trash for pick-up the following week.

Park – The Easter egg hunt is this Saturday.

Laughlin Park will be having equipment installed that has been donated.

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS:

Mayor Pavey shared a letter with Council from students, Caleb Isaac and Lily Krodel, asking the City to consider making the little league park smoke free. Sheehan suggested that this be shared with the Park Board. Berkemeier asked if it wasn't already smoke-free. Bridges said the facility is but not the park itself.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **New Trash Program** – Pavey said we are waiting for the new numbers.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Swear In New Police Officers, Donald Cochran and Robert Banker:**

Donald Cochran and Robert Banker were sworn in as new police officers for the City.

CLAIMS APPROVAL: Smith made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE:

None.

ADJOURN: There was no further business to come before Council; Sheehan made a motion to adjourn. Bridges seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.